GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DESILTING GANDHAK RIVER IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gandhak River in Bihar is heavily silted as a resultof which water is flowing only through 3 spans rather than 14 spans of Dhumaria Ghat Bridge on the said River;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to desilt the Gandhak river on priority basis; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) As per available information there are in all 15 spans in the Dhumariaghat bridge out of which water is flowing through four spans during the lean season, as there is some siltation in other spans. However in high discharge, Gandak water flows through all vents of Dhumariaghat bridge.

(b) & (c) As informed by Government of Bihar, there is no proposal with the State Government to desilt river Gandak. However, the Dhumariaghat bridge site was jointly inspected by the officials of Water Resources Department, Governmentof Bihar, Ganga Flood Control Commission and Central Water & Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune to look into the problem during which CWPRS suggested some short term measures to be tried before the monsoon 2003. Subsequent to the above joint visit, a Committee of Technical Experts from the Government of Bihar alsovisited the site. The Government of Bihar has informed that based on the suggestions made by these experts, various anti erosion measure were taken by the State Government before the monsoon of 2003. In order to evolve long term solution, the CWPRS has suggested to the Government of Bihar to take up mathematical model study.